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REINTEGRATION OF HIV POSITIVE PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various projects undertaken by the Government to reintegrate the HIV positive patients with the mainstream;

(b) whether any projects are taken up with local self government and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for eradication of HIV/ AIDS; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) Reintegration of HIV positive persons with the mainstream is dependent upon reduction in stigma that is associated with this disease. Thus, for reducing stigma, IEC campaigns to raise public awareness regarding transmission of HIV infection have been undertaken alongside action to mainstream HIV messages into the ongoing program activities of other departments; promotion of the workplace policy for adoption by the employers in the public and private sector etc.

(b)&(c) Under the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP), NGOs participate in the implementation of the Targeted Interventions among High Risk Groups (HRGs), Community Care Centres, Drop-in Centres for the networks of People Living with HIV & AIDS (PLHAs). NGOs are also involved in raising awareness and training of community level workers such as counselors, outreach workers, etc. Members of over 40,000 Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs); over 60,000 Gram Sabhas and 1,20,000 Self Help Groups (SHGs) in 18 states have been trained/ sensitized and their support is secured for reducing stigmatizing attitudes towards PLHAs.